



**CALIFORNIA  
HIGH-SPEED RAIL  
AUTHORITY**

**Weekly Executive Director's Report, Oct. 26 - Nov. 3, 2009**

**FROM:** Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director  
**TO:** Authority Board Members

**TOPIC / UPDATE**

**LINE SECTION**

**AUTHORITY STAFF**

**RELEVANT DATE**

**NEXT STEP / ACTION NEEDED**

**TOP ISSUES**

**Gateway Cities MOU**

It is anticipated that, following Board approval, the Authority this week will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of Governments representing cities south of Los Angeles, in the Los Angeles - Anaheim section. The MOU will establish a working relationship between the Authority and the COG and assist the COG in necessary work to help evaluate the high-speed line through its cities. LA Metro was instrumental in assisting in the development of the MOU.

Los Angeles -  
Anaheim

Mehdi Morshed

11/5/2009

Board consideration / approval  
and formal signing.

**Caltrans Agreement**

The Authority is working closely with Caltrans to develop and enter into a master agreement regarding construction work within right-of-way owned by Caltrans.

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Carrie Pourvahidi,  
George Spanos, John  
Harrison

11/4/2009

Expecting to complete and  
execute this agreement with  
Caltrans this week.

**POLICY DEVELOPMENTS**

None to report this period

## ENGINEERING/ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

### LA Union Station

At Los Angeles MTA's request to Authority staff this week, a "Vignes alternative" layout for LA Union Station is being analyzed by the program management team for possible inclusion in the LA-Anaheim EIR/EIS process.

Los Angeles -  
Anaheim

Mehdi Morshed,  
Tony Daniels

mid-November

Determine feasibility of alternative LAUS track and platform configuration, and how to include it in the EIS/EIR process

### LA-Anaheim Maintenance Facility Sites

Meeting held with Los Angeles MTA which ruled out an existing Union-Pacific Railroad site as a possibility for the maintenance facility sought in the Los Angeles - Anaheim section as Metro's and city's plan for that site does not come into play for at least 10 years. The regional project management team is investigating an alternate site west of Anaheim.

Los Angeles -  
Anaheim

Tony Daniels, John  
Harrison

mid-November

Administrative draft EIR/EIS report is scheduled for delivery in mid-December.

### SF-SJ Alternatives Analysis Workshop

The Authority, Caltrain, Federal Rail Administration, Attorney General's office, program management and regional management met to discuss the alternatives analysis process in the San Francisco - San Jose section and to determine which alignments will be recommended to be carried forward in the Environmental Review Process and documented as part of a Draft Alternatives Analysis Report.

San Francisco -  
San Jose

Dan Leavitt, Bob  
Doty, Tony Daniels

11/2/2009

A public information meeting will be scheduled and held to present the results of the AA Workshop.

## LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

None to report this period

## OUTREACH EFFORT HIGHLIGHTS

### "Context Sensitive Solutions" Workshop

The regional project management team will hold a workshop in Burlingame on November 4, along with the cities and regional transportation agencies in the Peninsula, to develop and discuss and a plan to collaborate using an approach known as "context sensitive solutions," which our partners in the section had expressed an interest in utilizing.

San Francisco - San Jose	Bob Doty, Dominic Spaethling	11/4/2009
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## MEDIA

Nothing to report this period

## PUBLIC EVENTS

### Scoping Meetings

A series of 12 public, open house-style scoping meetings conclude within the section this week. Over 800 people have attended the meetings in San Diego, Riverside and Los Angeles counties so far. This week's meetings are being held in San Bernardino County. Final scoping meetings to be held this week:  
11/2/2009-Ontario  
11/3/2009-San Bernardino

Los Angeles - San Diego	Dan Leavitt, Jose Martinez, Jeff Barker	10/13/2009 - 11/3/2009
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Scoping Report will be prepared summarizing public comments received.

## OTHER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

### Peterson Case Change of Venue

The Authority prevailed in its legal request to change the venue of the Peterson v. California High Speed Rail court case from San Mateo to Sacramento County. The case relates to Authority partner Caltrain's right-of-way in the Peninsula.

San Francisco - San Jose	George Spanos	11/2/2009
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The case is scheduled for discussion in closed session at this week's monthly Board meeting.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

**Scoping Meetings for the Altamont Project**

Following the Oct. 22 issuance of a Notice of Preparation of an environmental impact report, public scoping meetings have been scheduled for the Altamont Corridor Rail Project, a project separate from CaHSRA's high-speed rail system but proposed jointly by the Authority and the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission to run from Stockton to San Jose.

The meetings are scheduled for:

- Livermore, November 10, 2009
- Stockton, November 12, 2009
- Fremont, November 17, 2009
- San Jose, November 18, 2009

Altamont Corridor	Dan Leavitt, John Harrison	11/10-18/2009
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More information contained in the NOP here:  
[http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/images/chsr/20091026114818\\_ACRPNOP.pdf](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/images/chsr/20091026114818_ACRPNOP.pdf)